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Food and Nutrition Service

TITLE: School Nutrition and Meal Cost Study-II (SNMCS-II)

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SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: Section 28(a) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act authorizes the USDA Secretary to conduct performance assessments of the school meal programs, including the nutritional quality of the meals and the costs of producing them. The SNMCS-II will provide a comprehensive picture of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP) and will provide critical information about the nutritional quality, cost, and acceptability of school meals seven years after major reforms began being phased in during the 2012-2013 school year. This study is broken down into two sub-studies: the “mainland study” and the “outlying areas cost study” and has four broad objectives including (1) describing the School Food Authority (SFA) and school environment, food service operating policies and practices, student participation, and other characteristics of schools and SFAs participating in NSLP and SBP, (2) determining the food and nutrient content of school meals and afterschool snacks and the overall nutritional quality of these meals and snacks; (3) determining the cost to produce reimbursable school lunches and breakfasts, including indirect and local administrative costs, and examining the ratio of revenues to

costs; and (4) describing student characteristics, participation, student/parent satisfaction, plate waste, and students' dietary intakes. This study will update previous data collected during SY 2014-2015 for the School Nutrition and Meal Cost Study (SNMCS-I).

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: This voluntary study will collect data from state agencies, school food authorities, local education authorities, schools, food service management companies, students, and parents/guardians. The data collected from the "mainland study" will provide Federal, State, and local policymakers with current information about how federally sponsored school meal programs are operating. The findings from SNMCS-II will be compared to those from SNMCS-I to explore trends in food service operations, the nutrient content of school meals, meal costs and revenues, and student participation, plate waste, and dietary intakes. The study will also examine relationships among the key domains, especially among nutritional quality, cost, and student participation. Data collected from the "outlying areas cost study" will estimate the costs of producing reimbursable school meals in Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands, and will examine the relationship of costs to revenues in these States and Territories.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: State, Local, or Tribal Government; profit/non-profit businesses; and individuals/households

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 14,355

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Reporting: One Time Only

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 26,438

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